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Foundational – New Birth

We are all spiritually Dead; Romans 3: 9-18 and have no hope for the doom that faces us which is the wrath of God upon all sin if we remain in this state; Ephes 2:1-16.

We must be born from above – for new life so we may have a way of escape; <u>John 3:3</u> - Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Read John 3:1-8

Read Romans 6

What is the 'old man' that Paul refers to in Romans 6:6?

Ephes 4:20-24; But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness

How does the 'putting off the old man' look practically in our lives?

How do we go about renewing of the spirit of our minds?

What does 'baptism into death' mean?

How would it look to you personally to 'reckon yourself dead' as referred in Romans 6:11?

Our hope and promise: <u>2 Cor 5:17</u>; Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Read: <u>1 Peter 1:3-5</u> <u>1 John 2:29</u> <u>1 John 3:9</u> <u>1 John 5:4</u>

The Role of the Holy Spirit

Ezekiel 11: 18-20 John 14:26 Make a list of what the Holy Spirit's role is for us

Based on each of these verses, what is our role when it comes to the Holy Spirit?

Matt 12:32:

Matt 28:19:

Acts 2:37-39:

Romans 15:13:

1 Cor 6:19:

Ephes 4:25-32:

Jude 1:20:

Time to ponder: In <u>John 4:22-24</u> Jesus is saying that God accepts our worship only if it is in Spirit and truth. In order to do this, what must happen first? How does this look in our everyday lives? Does scripture say anywhere that we must 'feel' the Holy Spirit?

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Word search <u>Holy Spirit</u> in your bible concordance and read up on what the bible describes about Him. If you don't believe He dwells in you, there is no better time than now to invite His presence in you. When we humble our hearts and repent of our sin we are in the position to receive Him into our lives and heart. See, <u>The power and need to repent</u> for more on this. We don't all have it figured out yet, and certainly, if you are new to all of this, my advice is to ask and continue to ask, God for what you need and what questions you have.

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

Steps surrounding this new birth; 1. Discover what Jesus has done for all so they may be saved (the Good News, or the Gospel), 2. Believe Jesus in who and what He has done. 3. Receive His new life – forsaking your old life. 4. Live each day by faith in Jesus Christ – seeking to learn (your bible) and walk in what He calls us to.

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